Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers; and,

Whereas, Millions have answered the call to arms and have died on the field of battle; and,

Whereas, A nation of peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and,

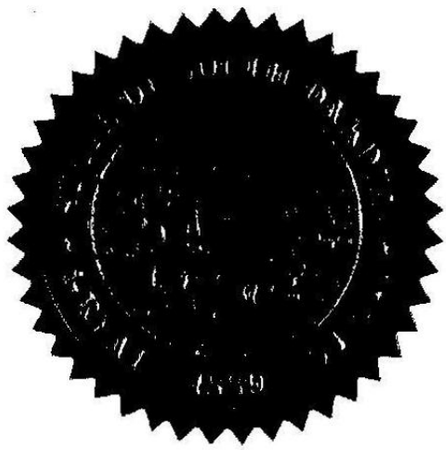
Whereas, The red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and,

Whereas, The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower on various days in South Dakota and will be officially observed on Memorial Day:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2012, as

POPPY DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State